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¹⁸ “Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” **1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT**

¹ *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

² *Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*

³ *Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

⁴ *Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

⁵ *For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:1-5 NIV*

GRATITUDE IS THE DOORWAY TO GOD’S PRESENCE.

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“The original word signifies a glad shout, such as loyal subjects give when their king appears among them. Our happy God should be worshipped by a happy people; a cheerful spirit is in keeping with his nature, his acts, and the gratitude which we should cherish for his mercies.” Charles Spurgeon

- When was the last time you shouted for Joy to the Lord?
- Our joyful worship comes from God’s presence, not perfect conditions.
- Gratitude opens the gates of worship.

³ **Know that the Lord is God.**

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- We can be thankful He is God and we’re not.
- We can be thankful we were created on purpose and for a purpose.

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- Gratitude is how we enter God’s presence.
- Gratitude transforms the atmosphere.
- A grateful person shifts the tone of a home, a workplace, a school, or a church.
- When we lead with thanks, peace and joy follow.

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- We can be thankful that we have a good-good Father.
- We can be thankful that God loves us and provided a way for us to be in a right relationship with Him.
- God is faithful across generations; His promises do not shift with culture or time.

Gratitude isn’t just a seasonal response—it’s a lifestyle. It’s how we live, worship, and invite others to encounter the goodness of God, not just on Thanksgiving week.